
Aggregation Principle in Stochastic Optimization

Progressive Hedging
Algorithm

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Dealing with Uncertainty
in Decision Making Models 2.

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Stochastic Optimization

1. **Recourse model:** $\min E f(x) = \mathbb{E}\{f(\xi, x)\}$

$$f(\xi, x) = \begin{cases} f_{01}(x) + Q(\xi, x) & \text{if } x \in C_1 \\ \infty & \text{otherwise} \end{cases}$$

$$Q(\xi, x) = \inf_y \{f_{02}(\xi, y) \mid y \in C_2(\xi, x)\}$$

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$$x(\xi) = (x_0(\xi), x_1(\xi), \dots, x_T(\xi)), \quad x_t(\xi) \sim x_t(\vec{\xi}^t)$$

information field (filtration): $\{\mathcal{A}_0 = \{\emptyset, \Xi\}, \mathcal{A}_1, \dots, \mathcal{A}_T = \mathcal{A}\}$

$x_t : \Xi \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^{n_t}$, \mathcal{A}_t -measurable

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min. expectation
(actually: risk measure)
with penalties

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Interchanging: \mathbb{E} & \min

Evident: with $E = \{x : \Xi \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^N \mid \text{measurable, ...}\}$
 $\min \mathbb{E} \{ f(\xi, x(\xi)) \mid x \in E \} = \mathbb{E} \{ \min f(\xi, x) \mid x \in \mathbb{R}^N \}$
when $\exists x(\cdot) \in E$ such that P -a.s. $x(\xi) \in \operatorname{argmin} f(\xi, \cdot)$
 x is measurable, ...

But our problem is: $\min \mathbb{E} \{ f(\xi, x) \}$, equivalently,

$$\min E f(x) = \mathbb{E} \{ f(\xi, x(\xi)) \}$$

such that $x(\xi) = \mathbb{E} \{ x(\xi) \}$ P -a.s.

x can not depend on ‘anticipated’ (future) information

Here-&-Now vs. Wait-&-See

- ❖ Basic Process: decision $x^1 \rightsquigarrow$ observation $\xi \rightsquigarrow x_{\xi}^2$ → decision
- ❖ Here-&-Now problem! x^1 not all contingencies can be “protected” by available instruments / tools (in stage 1)
- ❖ Wait-&-See problem:
instruments are available to cover all contingencies
choose (x_{ξ}^1, x_{ξ}^2) after observing random event

Stochastic Optimization: Fundamental Theorem

A here-&-now problem can be transformed in a wait-&-see problem by introducing the

**appropriate `contingencies' costs
(price of nonanticipativity)**

Price of Nonanticipativity

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Nonanticipativity

Recall $\min E f(x) = \mathbb{E}\{f(\xi, x(\xi))\}$ such that $x(\xi) = \mathbb{E}\{x(\xi)\}$ P -a.s.

Nonanticipativity constraints:

$\mathcal{N}_a = \{x : \Xi \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^n\} \subset$ linear subspace of constant fcns

$\implies \exists w : \Xi \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ “multipliers” $\perp \mathcal{N}_a$ ($\implies \mathbb{E}\{w(\xi)\} = 0$) such that

$x^* \in \operatorname{argmin} E f \implies x^* \in \operatorname{argmin} \{\mathbb{E}\{f(\xi, x(\xi)) + \langle w(\xi), (x(\xi) - \mathbb{E}\{x(\xi)\}) \rangle\}$

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P -a.s. $\implies x^* \in \operatorname{argmin}_{x \in E} \{f(\xi, x) + \langle w(\xi), x \rangle\}$, $\xi \in \Xi$

$w(\cdot)$: contingencies equilibrium prices, \sim ‘insurance’ prices

Dynamic Information Process

So far, x restricted to $\{\emptyset, \Xi\}$ -measurable, i.e., constant on Ξ

Generally, as $t \nearrow T$ (possibly ∞) additional information is acquired

$\mathcal{A}_0 = \{\emptyset, \Xi\} \subset \mathcal{A}_1 \subset \dots \subset \mathcal{A}_T = \mathcal{A}$, a filtration

with x_t decision @ time t depend on available information, i.e. \mathcal{A}_t -measurable

Reformulation

Let $x(\xi) = (x_0(\xi), x_1(\xi), \dots, x_T(\xi)) : \Xi \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^N$, $N = \sum_{t=0}^T n_t$

$$\mathcal{N}_a = \{x \in E \mid x_t \text{ } \mathcal{A}_t\text{-measurable, } t = 0, \dots, T\}$$

find $x \in \mathcal{N}_a$ such that $Ef(x) = \mathbb{E}\{f(\xi, x(\xi))\}$ is minimized

Nonanticipativity constraints: $x \in \mathcal{N}_a$ (linear subspace)

Adjusted Here-&-Now

$\min \mathbb{E} \left\{ f(\xi, x^1, x_\xi^2) \right\}$ such that $x^1 \in C^1 \subset \mathbb{R}^n$, $x_\xi^2 \in C^2(\xi, x^1)$, $\forall \xi$

x^1 must be \mathcal{G} -measurable, $\mathcal{G} = \sigma\{-\emptyset, \Xi\}$

x^2 is \mathcal{A} -measurable, $\mathcal{A} \supset \mathcal{G}$,

in general, interchange \mathbb{E} & ∂ is not valid

required: $\forall \xi, x^1 \in C^1, C^2(\xi, x^1) \neq \emptyset$ \mathcal{G} -measurability of constraints

Now, suppose w_ξ are the (optimal) non-anticipativity multipliers (prices)

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Interchange is now O.K. , $\mathbb{E} \left\{ \langle w_\xi, \mathbb{E}\{x_\xi^1\} \rangle \right\} = \langle \mathbb{E}\{w_\xi\}, \mathbb{E}\{x_\xi^1\} \rangle = 0$, yields

$\forall \xi$, solve: $\min f(\xi, x^1, x^2) - \langle w_\xi, x^1 \rangle$ s.t. $x^1 \in C^1$, $x^2 \in C^2(\xi, x^1)$

a collection of deterministic optimization problems in $\mathbb{R}^{n_1+n_2}$

Finding w_{ξ}

Progressive Hedging Algorithm

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$$(x_{\xi}^{1,\nu}, x_{\xi}^{2,\nu}) \in \arg \min f(\xi; x^1, x^2) - \langle w_{\xi}^{\nu}, x^1 \rangle$$

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Convergence: add a proximal term

$$f(\xi; x^1, x^2) - \langle w_{\xi}^{\nu}, x^1 \rangle - \frac{\rho}{2} |x^1 - \bar{x}^{1,\nu}|^2$$

linear rate in $(x^{1,\nu}, w^{\nu})$... eminently parallelizable

PH: Implementation

implementation: choice of ρ ... scenario (\times), decision (+) dependent

(heuristic) extension to problems with integer variables

non-convexities: e.g. ground-water remediation with non-linear PDE recourse

asynchronous

partitioning (= different information feeds)

$$\min \mathbb{E} \{ f(\xi, x) \} , \quad f(\xi, x) = f_0(x) + \iota_{C(\xi, x)}(x)$$

$S = \{ \Xi_1, \Xi_2, \dots, \Xi_N \}$ a partitioning of Ξ , $p_n = \mu(\Xi_n)$

$$\mathbb{E} \{ f(\xi, x) \} = \sum_n p_n \mathbb{E} \{ f(\xi, x) \mid \Xi_n \} \quad (\text{Bayes})$$

defining $g(n, x) = \mathbb{E} \{ f_0(\xi, x) \mid \Xi_n \}$ if $x \in C_n = \bigcap_{\xi \in \Xi_n} C_\xi$

$$\text{solve the problem as: } \min \sum_{n=1}^N p_n g(n, x)$$

Bundling

Multistage Stochastic Programs

$$\min_{x \in \mathcal{N}^a} \mathbb{E} \{ f(\xi, x(\xi)) \}, \quad x(\xi) = (x^1(\xi), \dots, x^T(\xi))$$

filtration : $\mathcal{A}_0 \subset \mathcal{A}_1 \subset \dots \subset \mathcal{A}_T = \mathcal{A}$, \mathcal{A}_0 trivial

$x \in \mathcal{N}^a$ if x^t \mathcal{A}_{t-1} -measurable $\approx \sigma$ -field($\overset{\rightarrow v-1}{\xi}$)

(here ξ^0 deterministic, $x^1(\xi) \equiv x^1$)

under usual C.Q. (convex case): $\bar{x} \in \mathcal{X}$ optimal if

$$\begin{aligned} &\exists \bar{w} \perp \mathcal{N}^a, \bar{w} \in \mathcal{X}^* \text{ such that } \bar{x} \in \arg \min_{x \in \mathcal{X}} E f(x) - \mathbb{E} \{ \langle \bar{w}, x \rangle \} \\ &\bar{w} \perp \mathcal{N}^a \Leftrightarrow \mathbb{E} \{ \bar{w}(\xi) | \mathcal{A}_{t-1} \} = 0, \forall t = 1, \dots, T \end{aligned}$$

\bar{w} non-anticipativity prices

at which to buy the right to adjust decision (after observation)

can be viewed as insurance premiums,

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$\min \langle c, x \rangle + \sum_{\xi \in \Xi} p_{\xi} \langle q_{\xi}, y_{\xi} \rangle$ such that

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Variable Slamming: aggressive variable fixing $x_j(s) \approx \text{constant}$ (& $c_j x_j(s)$)

“Sufficient” variable convergence \sim for small values of $c_j x_j(s)$

Termination criterion: variable slamming when $x_j^{\nu}(\xi) - x_j^{\nu+1}(\xi)$ small

Detecting cycling behavior: (simple) hashing scheme

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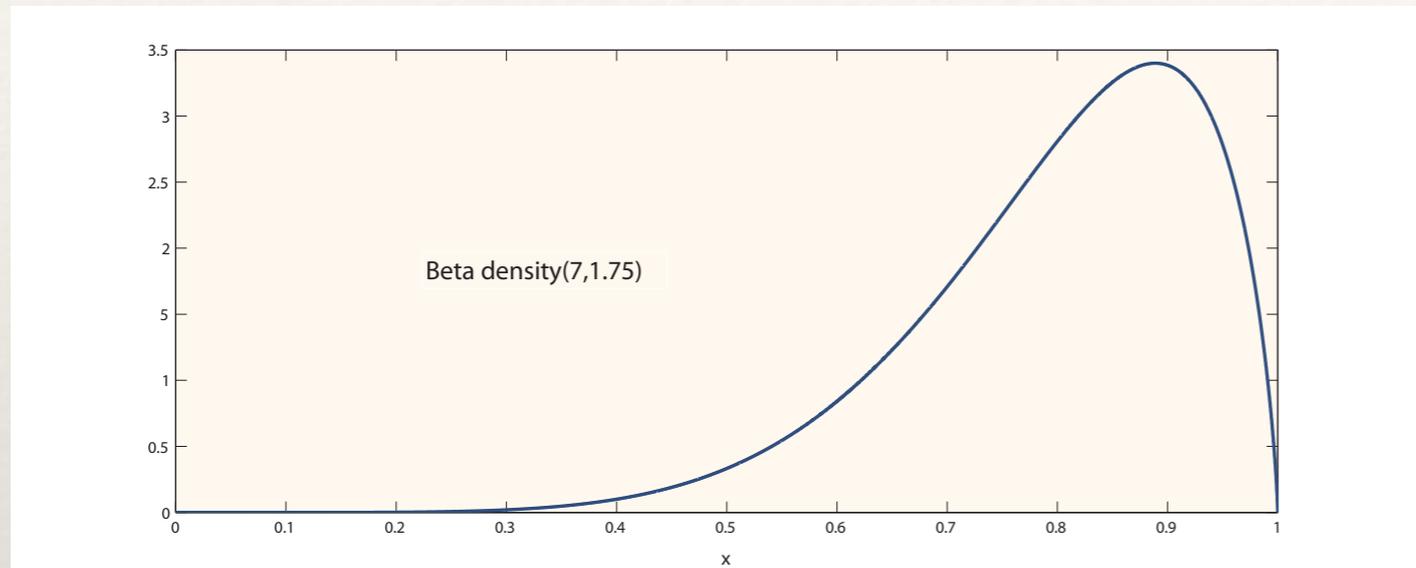
Termination criterion: variable slamming when $x_j^{\nu}(\xi) - x_j^{\nu+1}(\xi)$ small

Detecting cycling behavior: (simple) hashing scheme

Enough variables fixed \Rightarrow clean up with CPLEX-MIP

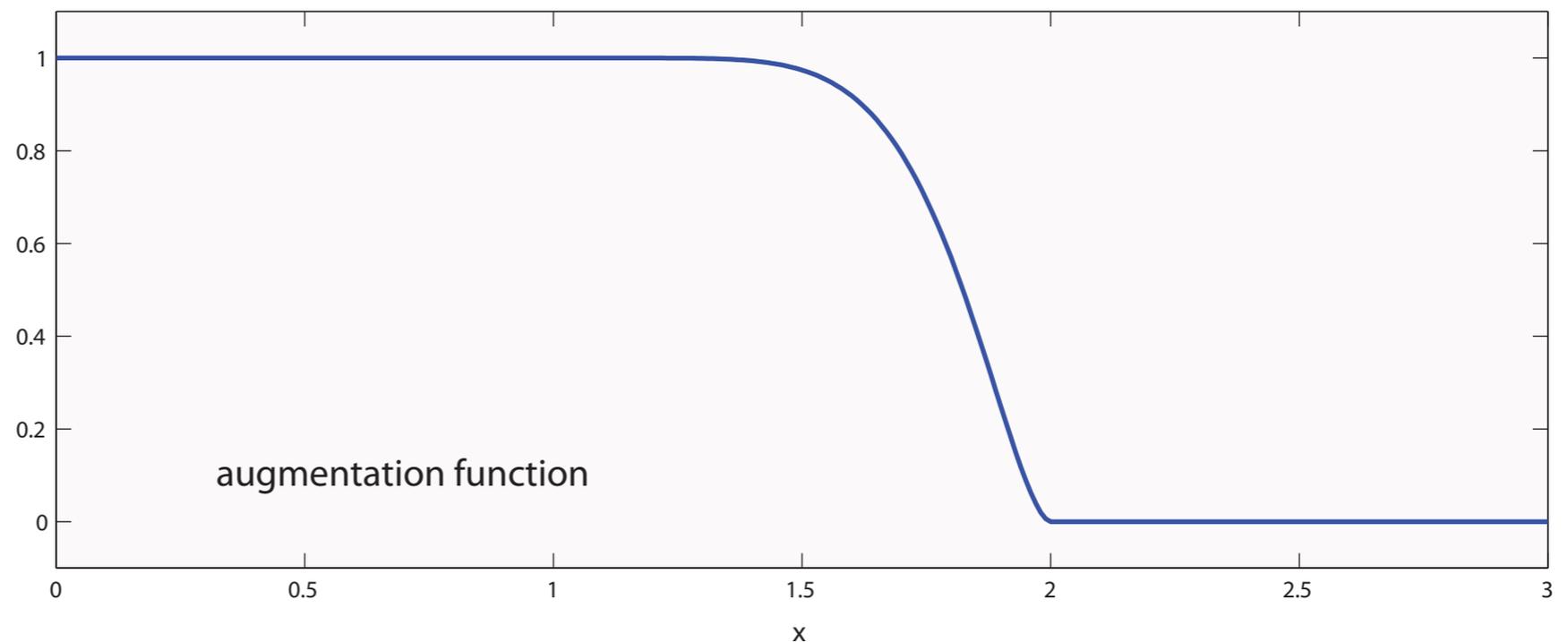
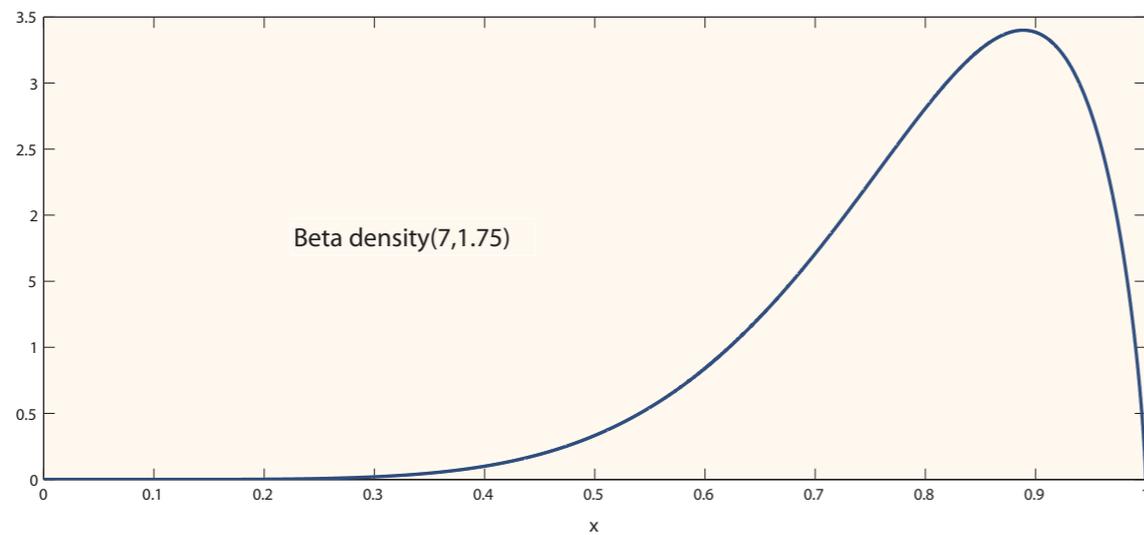
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Error Bounds

$f(\xi, x) = f_0(\xi, x^1, x^2)$ if $x^1 \in C^1, x^2 \in C^2(\xi, x^1)$; $+\infty$ else

Stochastic Program (P):

$$\min_{x \in \mathcal{M}} \mathbb{E} \{ f(\xi, x) \} \text{ such that } x^1 \equiv \mathbb{E} \{ x_\xi^1 \}$$

Dual Program (D)

$$\max_{w \in \mathcal{M}^*} \mathbb{E} \{ -f^*(\xi, w_\xi) \} \text{ such that } \mathbb{E} \{ w_\xi \} = 0$$

weak duality holds: $\inf P \geq \sup D \Rightarrow$ for any feasible \hat{w}

$$-f^*(\xi, \hat{w}_\xi) = \min_x \left[f(\xi, x) + \langle \hat{w}_\xi, x^1 \rangle, x \in \mathbb{R}^{n_1+n_2} \right]$$

yields a lower bound for (P), better if \hat{w}_ξ is near-optimal

\Rightarrow rely on w^* of PH-algorithm to generate lower bound.

Unit Commitment SCUC (PH with binary variables)

ARPA-e Project

**Sandia National Labs, Iowa State Univ.,
Univ. of California-Davis, Alstom, New-England ISO**

Transmission Network

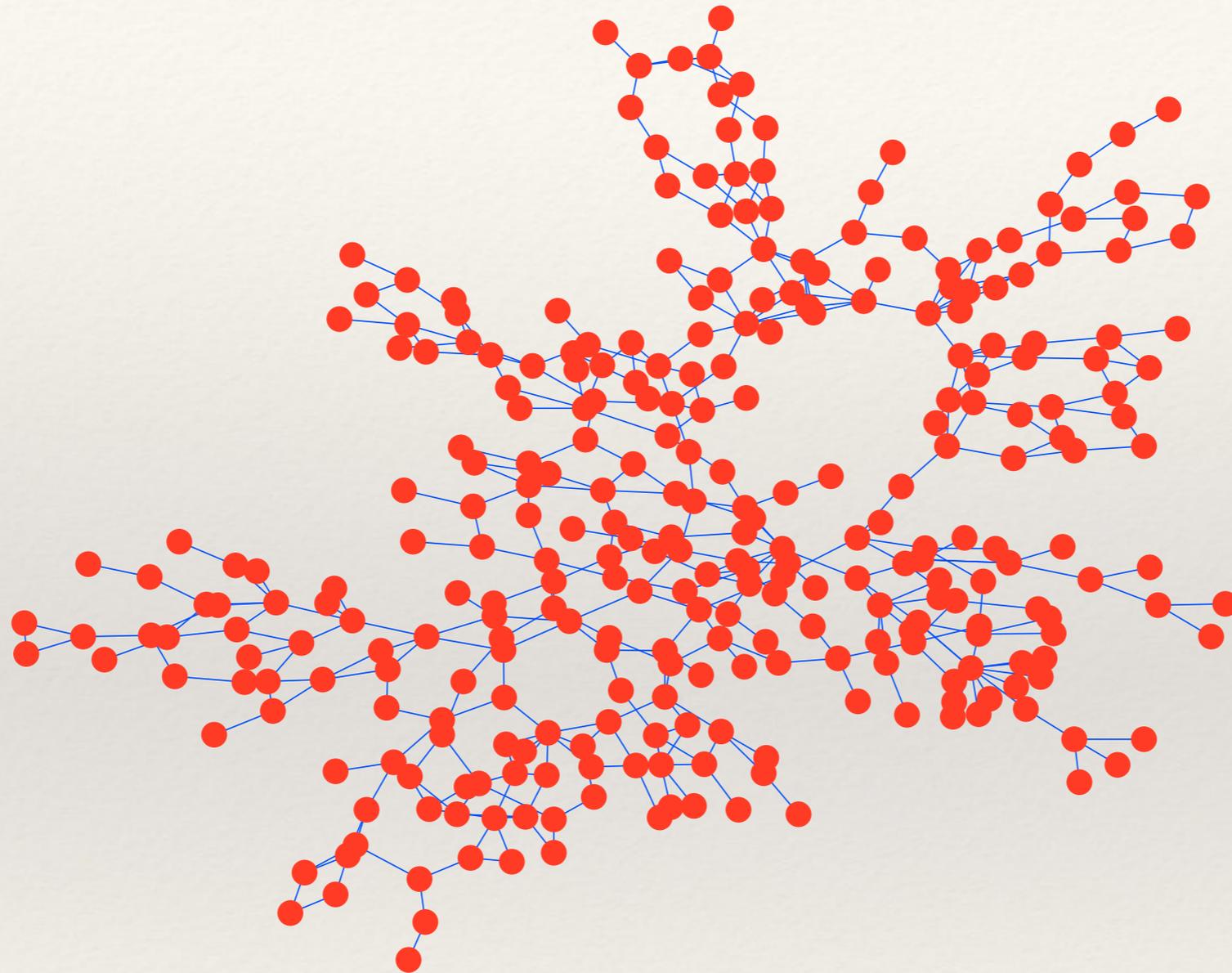
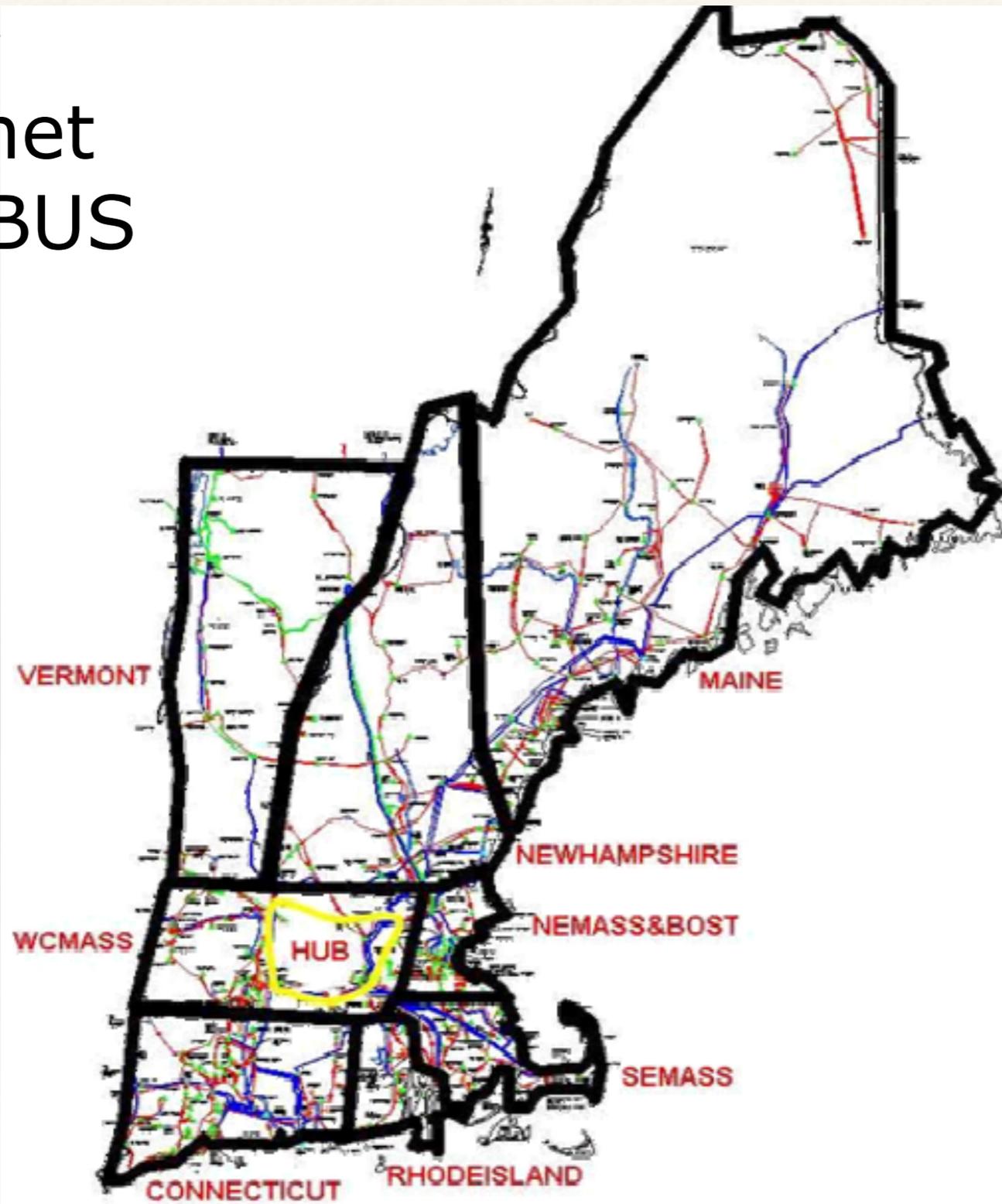


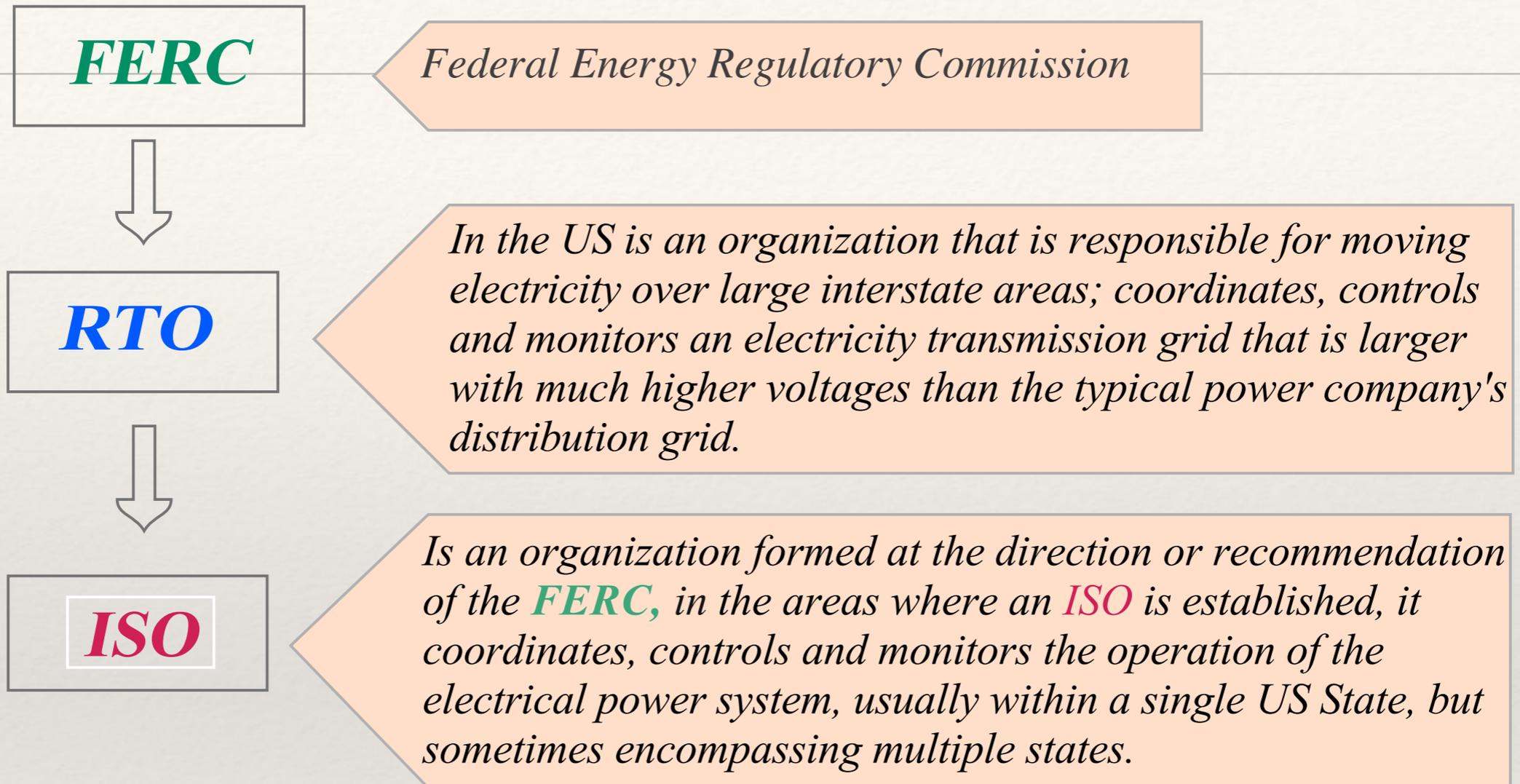
Figure 1. Topology of the IEEE 300 node system

Transmission Network

NE-ISO net
~30,000 BUS



ISO: Independent System Operator



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Energy Sources

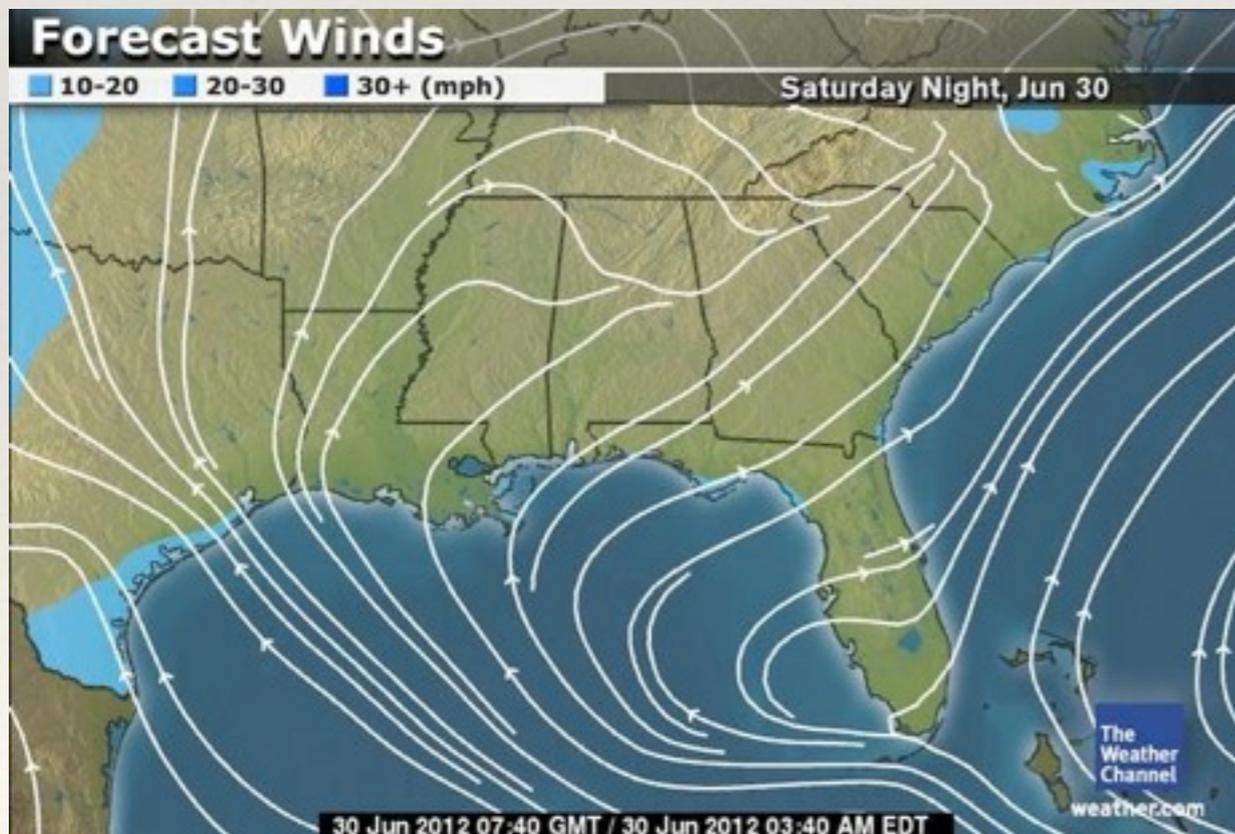


- nuclear energy
- hydro-power
- thermal plants (coal, oil, shale oil, bio, rubbish, ...)
- gas turbines (natural gas, from "cracking")
- renewables (wind, solar, ..., ocean waves)

different characteristics

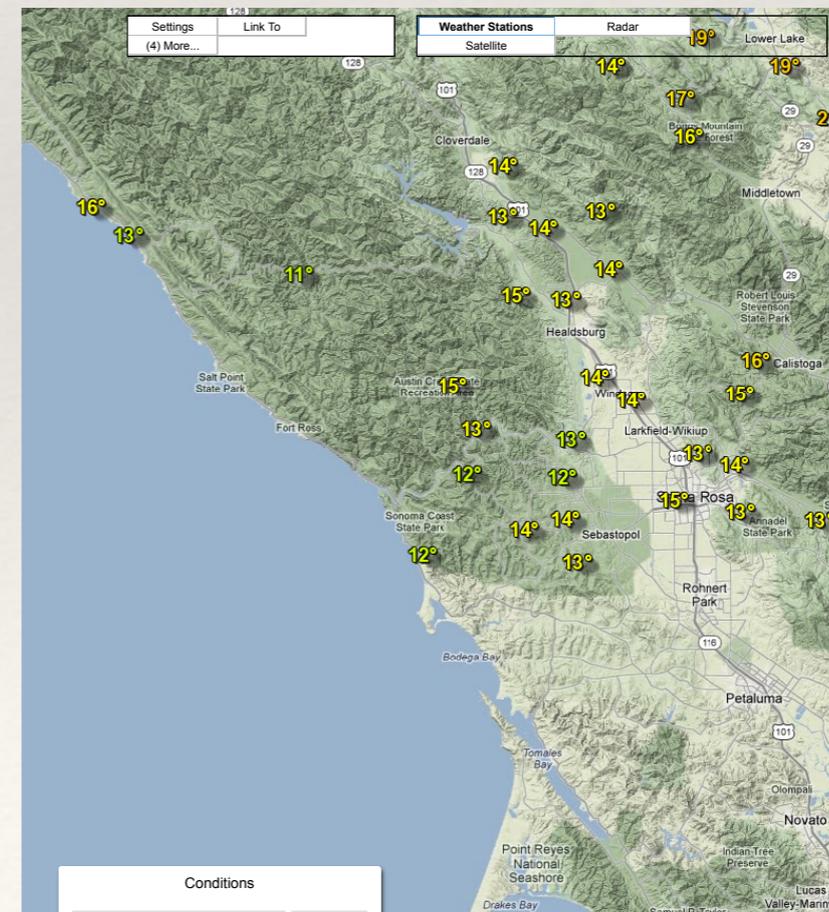
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- seasonal, day of the week, time of the day
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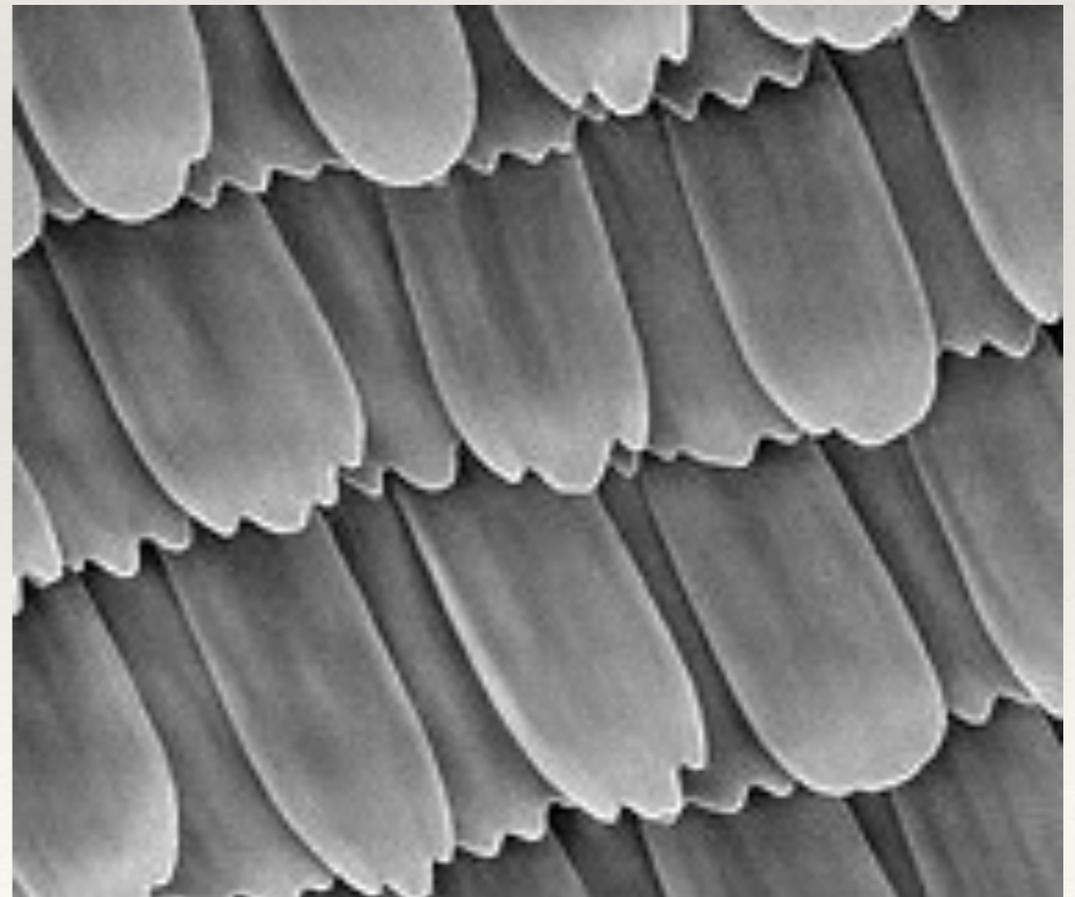
El Cerrito, California (94530) Conditions & Forecast

<http://www.wunderground.com/cgi-bin/findweather/getForecast...>



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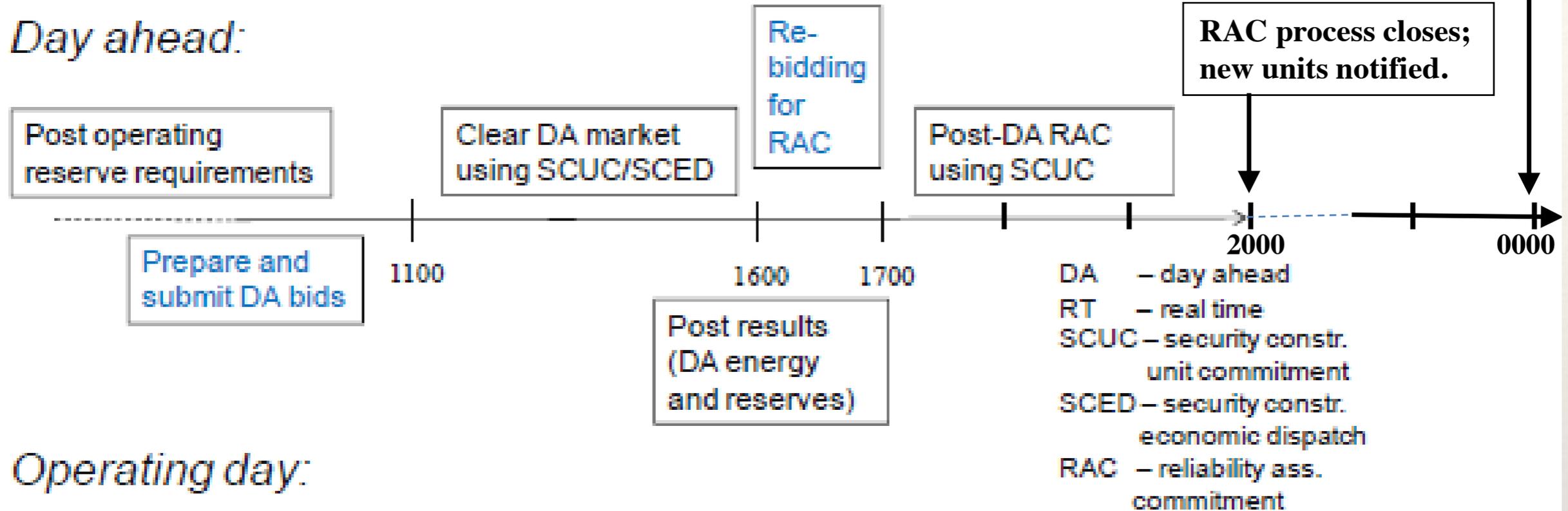
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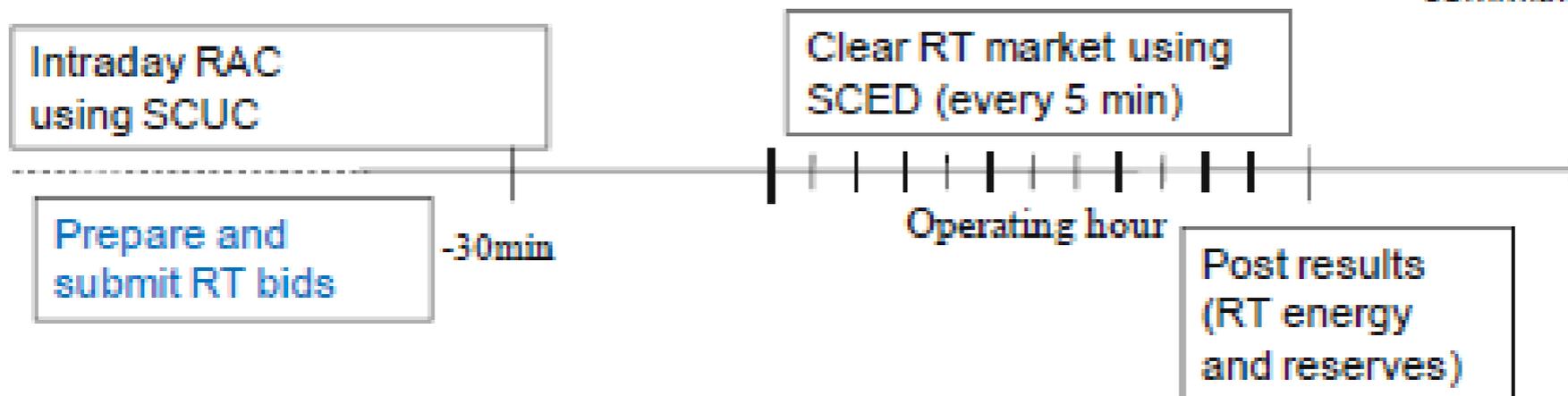


Market time line

Day ahead:



Operating day:



	MISO	NYISO	PJM	ERCOT	CAISO
Market timeline	DA offers due: 11am DA results: 4pm Re-bidding due: 5pm RT offers due: OH -30 min	DA offers due: 5 am DA results: 11 am RT offers due: OH -75 min	DA offers due: noon DA results: 4pm RT offers due: 6pm DA	DA bids due (reserves): 1pm/4pm DA results (reserves): 1.30pm/6pm RT offers due: OH -60 min	DA offers: 10am DA results: 1pm RT offers: OH -75 min

Ref: A. Botterud, J. Wang, C. Monteiro, and V. Miranda "Wind Power Forecasting and Electricity Market Operations," available at www.usaee.org/usaee2009/submissions/OnlineProceedings/Botterud_etal_paper.pdf

Short history of ISO-management techniques

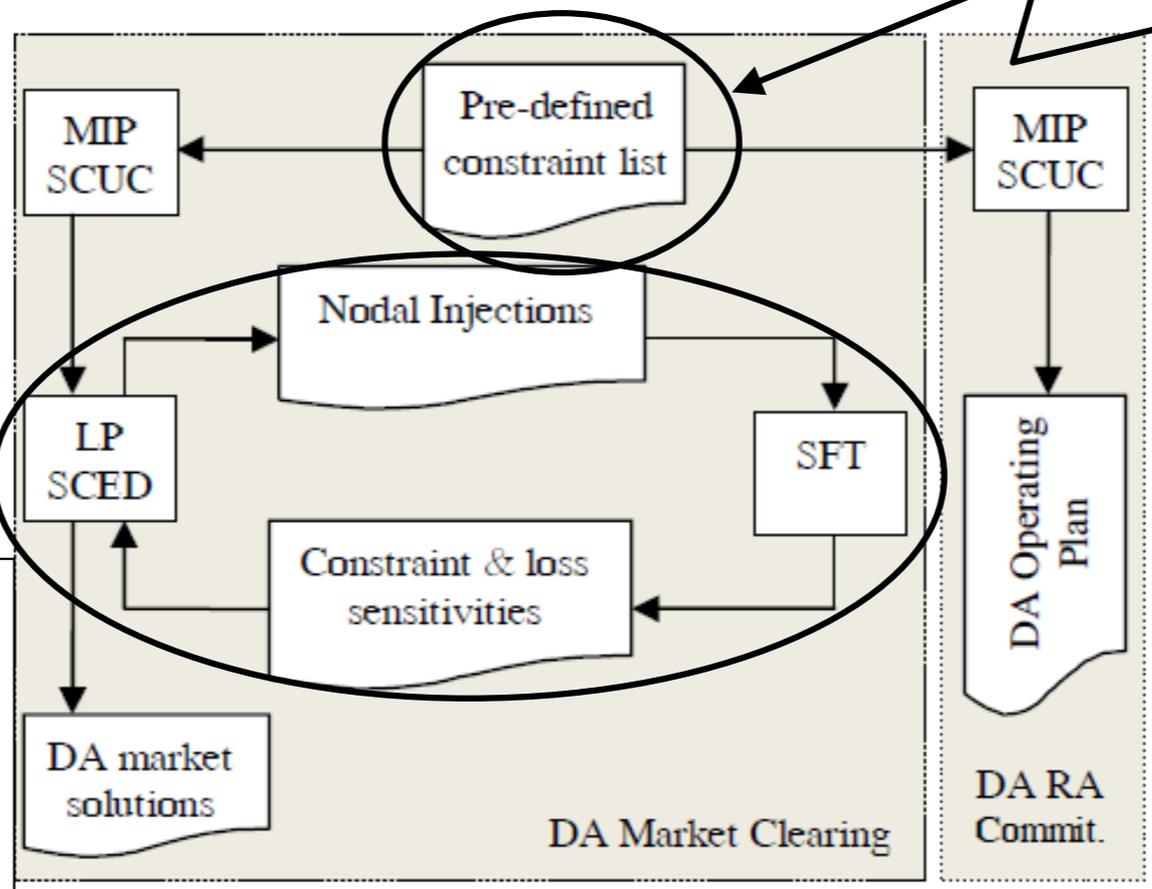
- RT: deterministic optimization with LMP (dual variables associated with demand(s) constraints).
- SCUC/SCED: Lagrangian relaxation with conservative reliability constraints
- SCUC/SCED: deterministic MIP with conservative RUT
- ARPA-"E (project): "take into account uncertainty"

A collection of stochastic-programs

- DA-SCUC/SCED unit commitment *binaries*
- DA-RAC rebidding assessment bidding *(binaries)*
- DA-RUT - reliability commitments (spinning, N-1)
- RT - 3 min (real time adjustments) LMP's
- SCED2 - 3 or 4 hours schedule to foresee ramp ups/down, etc.

DA = day ahead

Day-Ahead Market

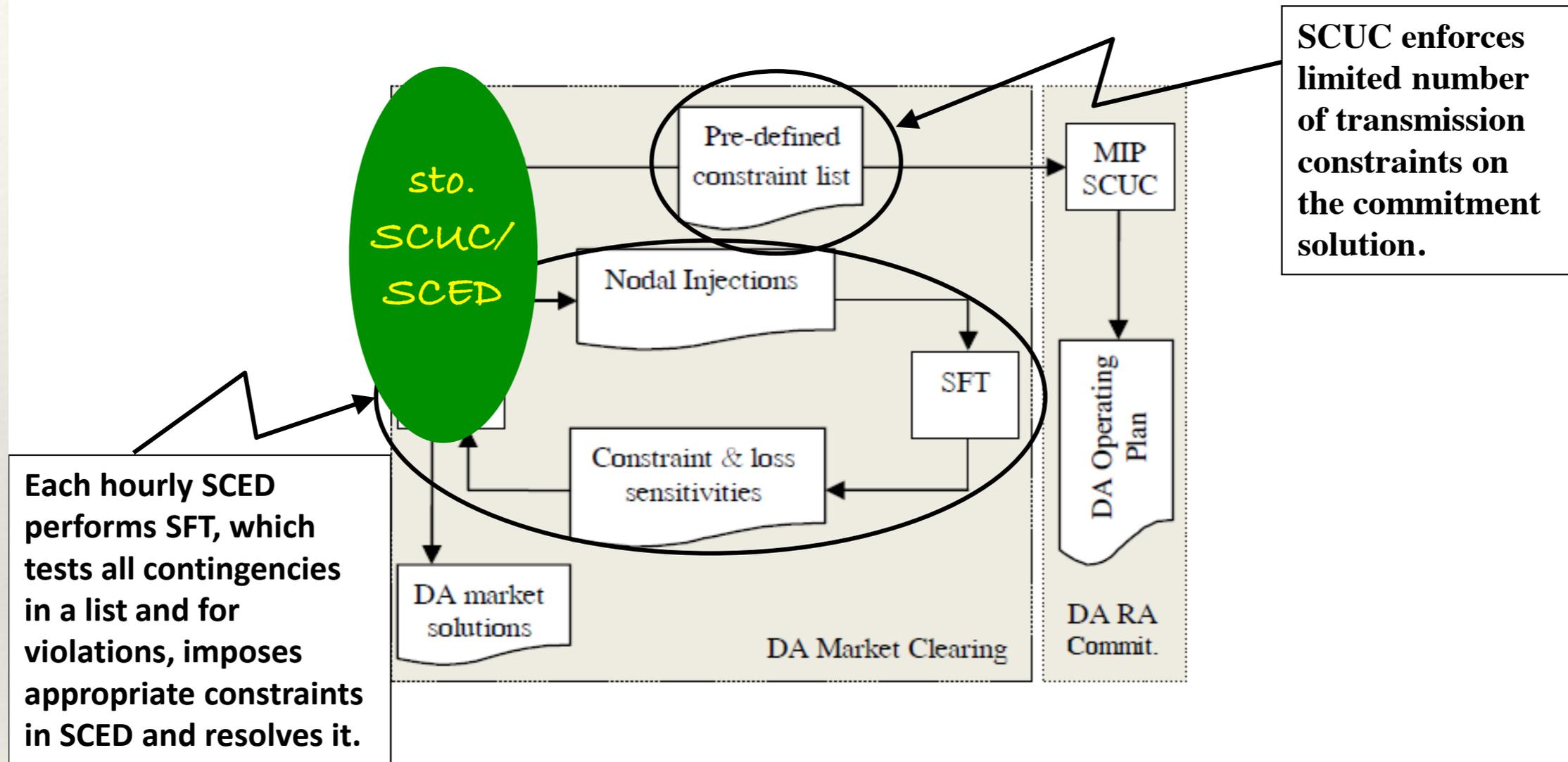


SCUC enforces limited number of transmission constraints on the commitment solution.

Each hourly SCED performs SFT, which tests all contingencies in a list and for violations, imposes appropriate constraints in SCED and resolves it.

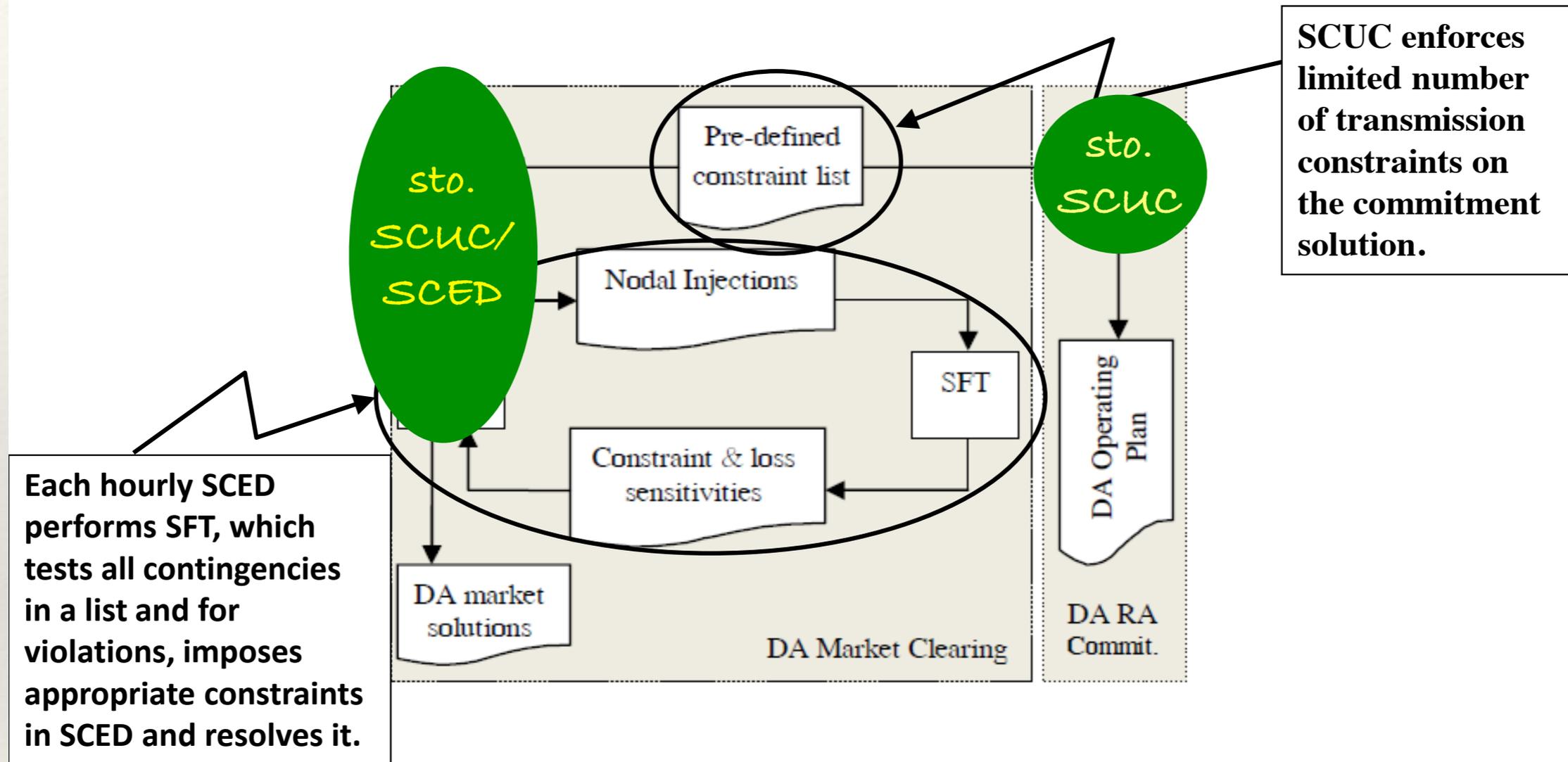
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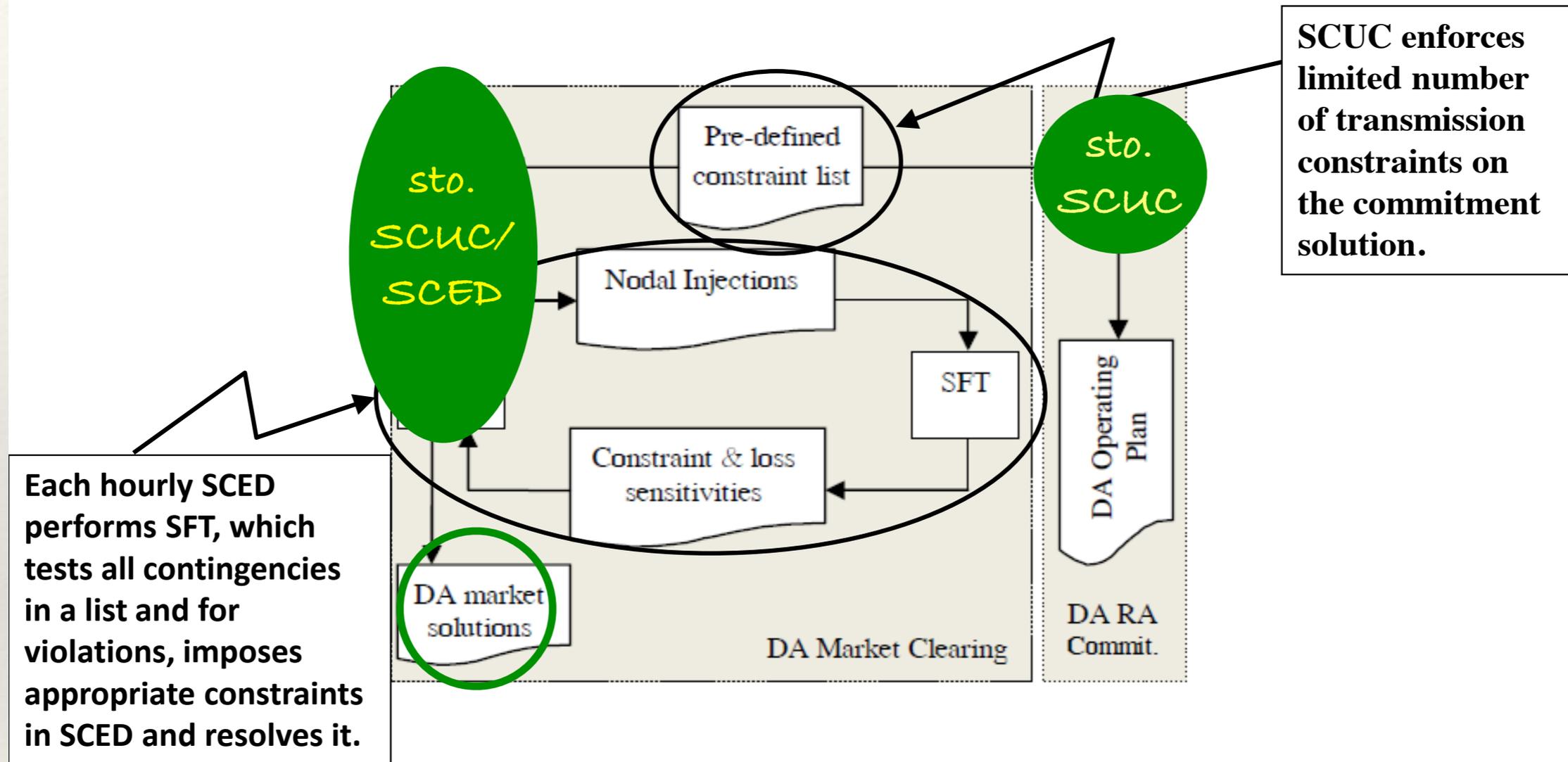
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Abstract Unit Commitment

min. expectation
(actually: risk measure)
with penalties Minimize $\sum_{k \in K} \sum_{j \in J} c_j^P(k) + c_j^u(k) + c_j^d(k)$ with
K time periods *J generating units*

production cost *startup cost* *shutdown cost*

power output $\sum_{j \in J} \underline{p}_j(k) = \underline{D}(k), \quad \forall k \in K$

demand

*adjust node
balance eq'ns*

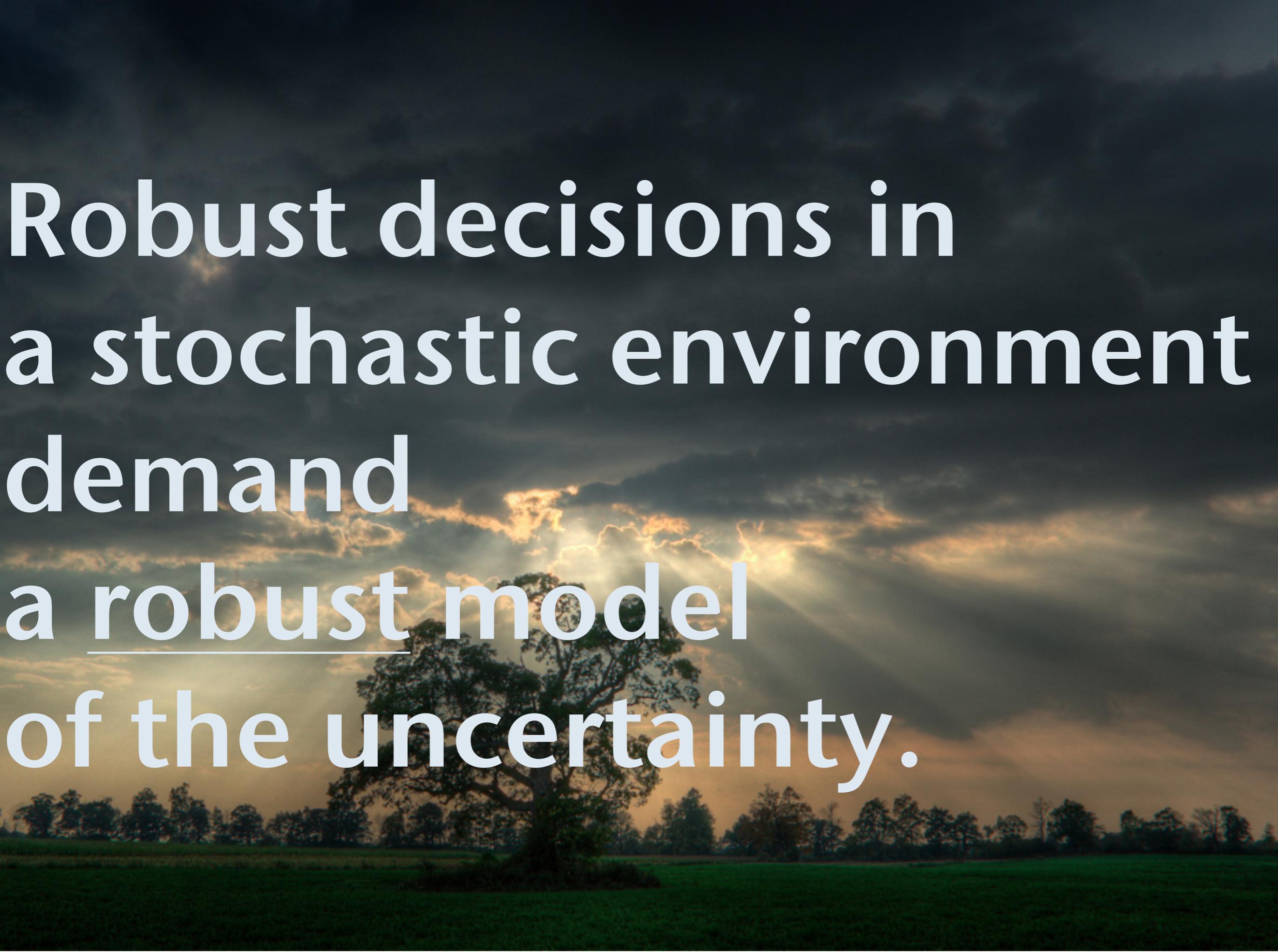
max power output $\sum_{j \in J} \underline{\bar{p}}_j(k) \geq D(k) + R(k), \quad \forall k \in K$

spinning reserve

$$p_j(k), \bar{p}_j(k) \in \underline{\Pi}, \quad \forall j \in J, \quad \forall k \in K$$

Π region of feasible production, all generating units, all time periods.
The specific nature of Π is model-dependent.

"Stochastic Version"



**Robust decisions in
a stochastic environment
demand
a robust model
of the uncertainty.**

Solution procedures

$$\min_{x \in \mathcal{N}^a} \mathbb{E} \{ f(\xi, x(\xi)) \} = \min_{x^1 \in \mathbb{R}^{n_1}} f_1(x^1) + EQ_1(x^1)$$

$$EQ_1(\xi; x^1) = \mathbb{E} \left\{ \inf_{x^2 \in \mathbb{R}^{n_2}} f_2(\xi; x^1, x^2) + EQ_2(\xi; x^1, x^2) \mid \mathcal{A}_1 \right\}$$

$$EQ_2(\xi; x^1, x^2(\xi)) = \mathbb{E} \left\{ \inf_{x^3 \in \mathbb{R}^{n_3}} f_3(\xi; x^1, x^2(\xi), x^3) \mid \mathcal{A}_2 \right\}$$

deterministic optimization! convex when f convex random lsc function

in theory: any algorithmic procedure!

hurdles: values, (sub)gradients, "Hessians" of $f_1(x^1) + EQ_1(x^1)$

are either not accessible or at best, prohibitively EXPENSIVE

Approaches: $P^v \sim P \Rightarrow$ approximating stochastic process $\{\xi_t, t \leq T\}$

sampling: a) same as approximation except P^s random measure

b) SAA-strategy for $\partial \left(\mathbb{E} \{ f(\xi, x(\xi)) \} + N_{\mathcal{N}^a}(x(\xi)) \right)$

Deterministic Equivalent

$$\min_{x \in \mathcal{N}^a} \mathbb{E} \{ f(\xi, x(\xi)) \} = \mathbb{E} \left\{ \mathbb{E} \cdots \left\{ \mathbb{E} \left\{ f(\xi, x(\xi)) \mid \mathcal{A}_T \mid \cdots \mid \mathcal{A}_1 \mid \mathcal{A}_0 \right\} \right\} \right\}$$

"time-staged objective":

$$= f_1(x^1) + \mathbb{E} \left\{ f_2(\xi; x^1, x^2(\xi)) + \mathbb{E} \left\{ f_3(\xi; x^1, x^2(\xi), x^3(\xi)) \mid \mathcal{A}_2 \right\} \mid \mathcal{A}_1 \right\} \cdots$$

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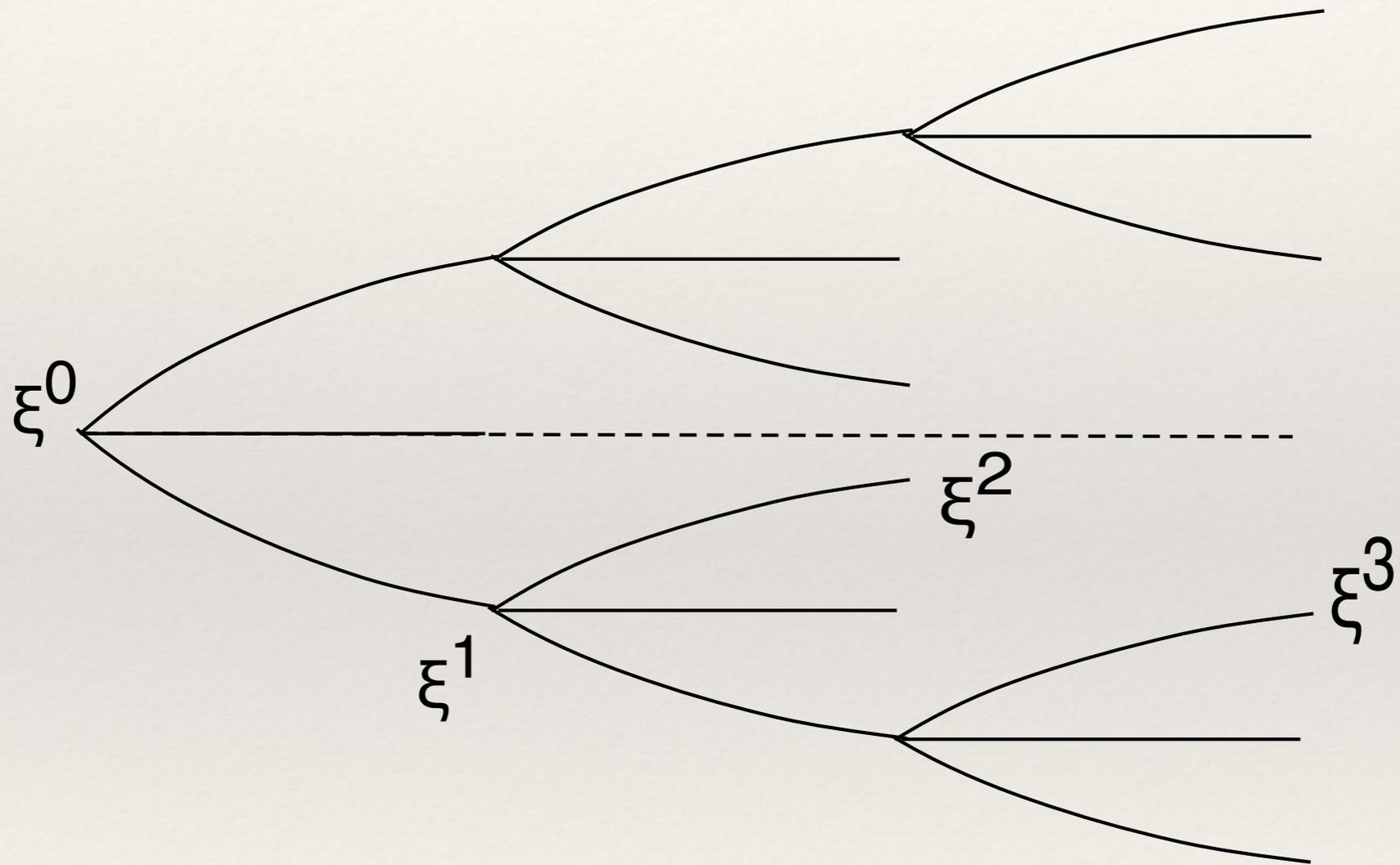
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$$= f_1(x^1) + EQ_1(x^1)$$

Discrete Scenario Tree



Sequential l.p. Strategy

$\min f_0(x), \quad x \in X \in \mathbb{R}^n, \quad f_0$ linear (not essential)

$f_i(x) \leq 0, \quad i = 1, \dots, s, \quad f_i(s) = 0, \quad i = s + 1, \dots, m$ (affine)

in the $s + 1$ first constraints: $f_i(x) = \sup_{t \in T} f_{i,t}(x), \quad f_i \geq f_{i,t}$ affine

0. $v = 0$, pick polytope (box) $K^0 \ni x^{opt}$

1. $x^v \in \arg \min f_0$ on K^v , set $i_v : f_{i_v}(x^v) = \max_{1 \leq i \leq s} f_i(x^v)$

if $f_{i_v}(x^v) \leq 0, x^v$ optimal, otherwise go to 2.

2. return to 1. with $K^{v+1} = K^v \cap \left\{ \left\langle \nabla f_{i_v}(x^v), x - x^v \right\rangle + f_{i_v}(x^v) \leq 0 \right\}$

when f_0 is not linear (but convex): $\min \theta$ such that $f_0(x) - \theta \leq 0$

convergence: finite # of steps or iterates cluster to optimal sol'n

SLP for Stochastic Programs

$$\min f_1(x) + EQ_1(x) \text{ s.t. } Ax = b, x \geq 0 \quad (x = x^1)$$

$$EQ_1(x) = \sum_{l=1}^L p_l Q_1(\xi^l, x) \quad L \text{ large}$$

$$Q_1(\xi^l, x) = \inf_{x^2 \in X_2} \left\{ f_2(\xi^l; x, x^2) + (EQ_2(\dots)) \right\}$$

$$\text{dom } EQ_1 = \bigcap_{l=1}^L \text{dom } Q_1(\xi^l, \cdot) = \bigcap_{l=1}^L \left\{ x \mid \exists x^2 \in X_2, f_2(\xi^l; x, x^2) < \infty \right\}$$

0. $v = r = s = 0$

1. $v = v + 1$, solve: $\min f_1(x) + \theta, Ax = b, x \geq 0$ such that

(feasibility cuts) $\langle E_k, x \rangle \geq e_k, k = 1 \rightarrow r$

(optimality cuts) $\langle F_k, x \rangle + \theta \geq f_k, k = 1 \rightarrow s$

2. generate feasibility cuts: check if $x \in \text{dom } EQ_1$.

No: E_k separates x from $\text{dom } EQ_1$, go to 1. Yes, go to 3.

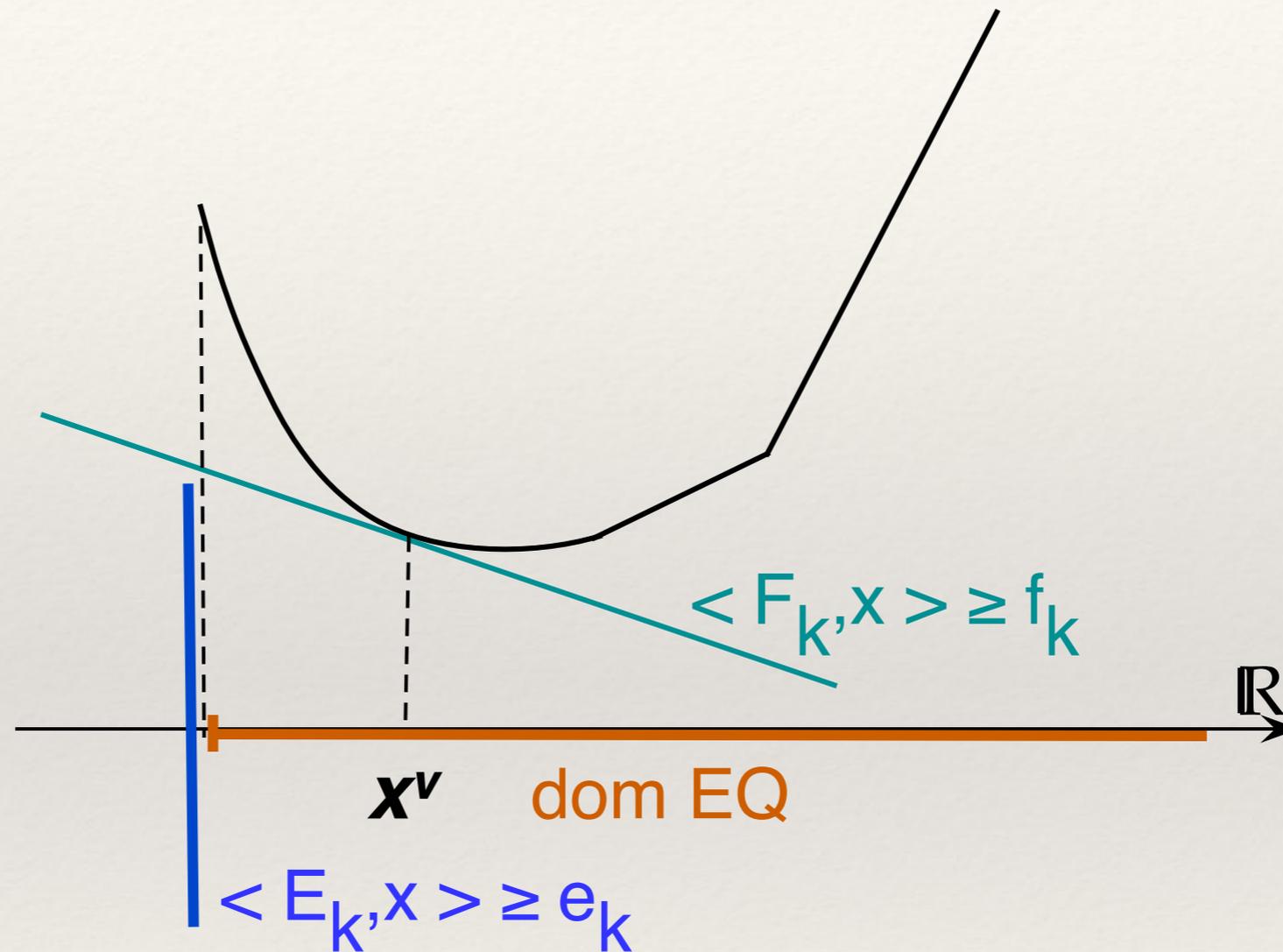
3. generate optimality cuts: $F_k \in \partial EQ_1(x^k)$, go to 1.

Generating cutting Hyperplanes

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x^v

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just a bit of “math”

Expectation Functionals

Expectation of $\overline{\mathbb{R}}$ -valued functions (Fatou, monotone convergence, ...):

$$E\{f(\boldsymbol{\xi})\} = \int_{\Xi} f(\xi)P(d\xi) = \begin{cases} \infty & \text{if } P([f(\boldsymbol{\xi}) = \infty]) > 0 \\ \int_{\Xi} f(\xi)P(d\xi) & \text{otherwise,} \end{cases}$$

or $E\{f(\boldsymbol{\xi})\} = E\{\max[f(\boldsymbol{\xi}), 0]\} - E\{\max[-f(\boldsymbol{\xi}), 0]\}$, $\infty - \infty = \infty$ (convention).

$$f : \Xi \times \mathbb{R}^n \rightarrow \overline{\mathbb{R}}, \quad Ef : \mathbb{R}^n \rightarrow \mathbb{R} \cup \{\infty\}, \quad \text{assume } Ef \not\equiv \infty$$

- **Convexity.** $x \mapsto f(\xi, x)$ is convex (resp. affine, sublinear), then so is Ef .
- **Lower semicontinuous.** $x \mapsto f(\xi, x)$ lsc & convex or summably bounded below $\Rightarrow Ef$ lsc.
- **Subdifferentials.** Ef finite near x , for all $\xi \in \Xi$, $f(\xi, \cdot)$ convex, then

$$\partial Ef(x) = \mathbb{E}\{\partial f(\boldsymbol{\xi}, x)\} = \left\{ \int_{\Xi} v(\xi) P(d\xi) \mid v \text{ integrable, } v(\xi) \in \partial f(\xi, x) \right\}.$$

Characterization of minimizers

Theorem. Ef an expectation functional with $f(\xi, \cdot)$ convex.

Then, $x^0 \in \operatorname{argmin} Ef \iff \exists v : \Xi \rightarrow \mathbb{R}, \mathbb{E}\{v(\boldsymbol{\xi})\} = 0, v(\xi) \in \partial f(\xi, x^0)$, i.e.,

$$x^0 \in \operatorname{argmin}_{x \in \mathbb{R}} \{f(\xi, x) - v(\xi)x\} \quad \forall \xi \in \Xi$$

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Knowing v allows the interchange of minimization and expectation